What is claimed is:

1. A search method comprising:

specifying a search word included in a search condition designated
5   by a user;

obtaining evaluation data that is at least either of a score based
on an appearance frequency and a number of documents including said search
word or its synonym, for each of said search word and its synonym;

presenting said user with said search word and its synonym and
10   the corresponding evaluation data in a manner in which said search word
or its synonym is selectable; and

presenting said user with data concerning a document including
said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user.

15   2. The search method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said specifying
comprises extracting a search word from a sentence input as said search
condition by a morphological analysis.

3. The search method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said obtaining
20   evaluation data comprises:

extracting a synonym from said search word; and

counting either of said number of documents including said search
word or its synonym and a first appearance frequency of each of said search
word and its synonym by searching documents by using said search word
25   and its synonym.

4. The search method as set forth in claim 3, wherein said obtaining
evaluation data further comprises:

counting a second appearance frequency of said search word in a
30   sentence input as said search condition; and

calculating said score based on said appearance frequency by using
said second appearance frequency of said search word and said first

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appearance frequency of each of said search word and its synonym.

5. The search method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first presenting comprises:

5   judging whether or not said evaluation data of said search word and its synonym satisfies a predetermined condition; and

   presenting said user with said search word or its synonym whose evaluation data satisfies said predetermined condition in a state indicating being pre-selected and said search word or its synonym whose

10 evaluation data does not satisfy said predetermined condition in a state indicating being unselected.

6. The search method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said predetermined condition is a condition in which said number of documents including said

15 search word or its synonym is lower than a first threshold, or a condition in which said score based on said appearance frequency for said search word or its synonym exceeds a second threshold.

7. The search method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said second

20 presenting comprises:

   counting a third appearance frequency of said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user, in said documents including said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user; and

   presenting said user with said documents including said search

25 word or its synonym that was selected by said user in order of values calculated by using said third appearance frequency.

8. A search program embodied on a medium, said search program comprising:

   specifying a search word included in a search condition designated

30 by a user;

   obtaining evaluation data that is at least either of a score based on an appearance frequency and a number of documents including said search

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word or its synonym, for each of said search word and its synonym;

presenting said user with said search word and its synonym and the corresponding evaluation data in a manner in which said search word or its synonym is selectable; and

5 presenting said user with data concerning a document including said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user.

9. The search program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said specifying comprises extracting a search word from a sentence input as said search

10 condition by a morphological analysis.

10. The search program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said obtaining evaluation data comprises:

extracting a synonym from said search word; and

15 counting either of said number of documents including said search word or its synonym and a first appearance frequency of each of said search word and its synonym by searching documents by using said search word and its synonym.

20 11. The search program as set forth in claim 10, wherein said obtaining evaluation data further comprises:

counting a second appearance frequency of said search word in a sentence input as said search condition; and

calculating said score based on said appearance frequency by using

25 said second appearance frequency of said search word and said first appearance frequency of each of said search word and its synonym.

12. The search program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said first presenting comprises:

30 judging whether or not said evaluation data of said search word and its synonym satisfies a predetermined condition; and

presenting said user with said search word or its synonym whose

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evaluation data satisfies said predetermined condition in a state indicating being pre-selected and said search word or its synonym whose evaluation data does not satisfy said predetermined condition in a state indicating being unselected.

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13. The search program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said predetermined condition is a condition in which said number of documents including said search word or its synonym is lower than a first threshold, or a condition in which said score based on said appearance frequency for said search

10   word or its synonym exceeds a second threshold.

14. The search program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said second presenting comprises:

counting a third appearance frequency of said search word or its
15   synonym that was selected by said user, in said documents including said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user; and

presenting said user with said documents including said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user in order of values calculated by using said third appearance frequency.

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15. A search apparatus, comprising:

a specifier to specify a search word included in a search condition designated by a user;

an obtainer to obtain evaluation data that is at least either of
25   a score based on an appearance frequency and a number of documents including said search word or its synonym, for each of said search word and its synonym;

a first indicator to present said user with said search word and its synonym and the corresponding evaluation data in a manner in which
30   said search word or its synonym is selectable; and

a second indicator to present said user with data concerning a document including said search word or its synonym that was selected by

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said user.

16. The search method as set forth in claim 15, wherein said specifier comprises an extractor to extract a search word from a sentence input as said search condition by a morphological analysis.

17. The search method as set forth in claim 15, wherein said obtainer comprises:

an extractor to extract a synonym from said search word; and

a counter to count either of said number of documents including said search word or its synonym and a first appearance frequency of each of said search word and its synonym by searching documents by using said search word and its synonym.

18. The search method as set forth in claim 17, wherein said obtainer further comprises:

a second counter to count a second appearance frequency of said search word in a sentence input as said search condition; and

a calculator to calculate said score based on said appearance frequency by using said second appearance frequency of said search word and said first appearance frequency of each of said search word and its synonym.

19. The search method as set forth in claim 15, wherein said first indicator comprises:

a processor to judge whether or not said evaluation data of said search word and its synonym satisfies a predetermined condition; and

a indicator to present said user with said search word or its synonym whose evaluation data satisfies said predetermined condition in a state indicating being pre-selected and said search word or its synonym whose evaluation data does not satisfy said predetermined condition in a state indicating being unselected.

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20. The search method as set forth in claim 15, wherein said predetermined condition is a condition in which said number of documents including said search word or its synonym is lower than a first threshold, or a condition in which said score based on said appearance frequency for said search word or its synonym exceeds a second threshold.

21. The search method as set forth in claim 15, wherein said second indicator comprises:

a counter to count a third appearance frequency of said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user, in said documents including said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user; and

an indicator to present said user with said documents including said search word or its synonym that was selected by said user in order of values calculated by using said third appearance frequency.